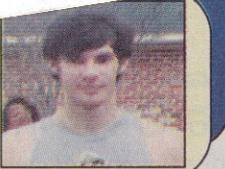


claims overall trophy in Elba Rec's 5K Run



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ADPH provides latest recommendations concerning COVID-19 outbreak

by Linda Hodge, Editor

In response to the increasing number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Alabama, The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) had made the following recommendations concerning public gatherings, food establishment and other retail venues, and businesses [as of The Elba Clipper's press time Tuesday, March 17]:

- No mass gatherings of 50 persons or more, or gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between participants (with exceptions noted below). This may include festivals, parades, assemblies, or sporting events.

- Senior adults or those with chronic health problems should avoid gatherings (outside of close family) of 10 or more persons, and should avoid travel by air, train or bus.

- For retail business, including restaurants, limit patronage at any one time to 50% of the normally allowable capacity. Restaurants should maintain a six-foot distance between tables.

- Public buildings should consider whether visitation may be limited. Hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities are encouraged to implement visitation policies that protect

COVID-19 Testing

Call the Alabama COVID-19 24/7 hotline at 1-888-264-2256 for testing sites and hours of operation.

For more information on testing for COVID-19, visit COVID-19 Testing. If you recently traveled to one of these affected geographic areas within the last 14 days, visit COVID-19 Resources for Travelers.

Situation Summary

In December 2019, a new (or novel) human coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) type emerged in China. At this time, it's unclear how easily this virus is spreading between people. Patients with confirmed COVID-19 infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath appearing anywhere from 2 to 14 days after exposure. Learn more about coronaviruses, how they present, and how they are tested by visiting Human Coronaviruses.

This is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation. The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and the CDC are providing updated information and guidance as it becomes available.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Alabama

Updated: March 17, 2020 3:30 p.m. (CT)

County of Residence	Cases
Baldwin	1
Elmore	2
Lee	3
Jefferson	21
Limestone	1
Madison	1
Montgomery	2
Shelby	4
St. Clair	1
Tuscaloosa	3
Total	39

Deaths: 0

vulnerable persons.

- All persons should consider whether out-of-state travel plans may be delayed or cancelled.

- Participants in religious services or events, weddings, funerals and family events should exercise prudence and maintain consistent six-foot distance between participants if possible.

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While workplaces should attempt to heed to these recommendations whenever possible, it is understood

confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Alabama (see graphic for breakdown by county), however, no deaths had been reported in the state as a result of the virus at that time.

Officials said it is most important at this time for citizens to know that "if a person has COVID-19 symptoms, they should call their primary health care provider or urgent care facility. Do not go to the nearest primary health care provider, emergency department or urgent care clinic before calling."

Early Tuesday morning, Governor Kay Ivey released a statement on updated guidelines in Alabama's efforts to flatten the curve during the COVID-19 situation. Out of an abundance of caution, she said ADPH had recommended against gatherings of 25 persons or more where a 6-foot distance cannot be maintained for essential government functions, municipal and state legislative bodies, and health care facilities including clinics, hospitals and pharmacies. Consider using means for electronic or video meetings in workplaces if possible.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away today's PEACE." - Unknown

The best one we have heard lately is probably: "CDC officials have advised that wearing a Florida State jersey could protect you from Coronavirus 19 after noticing last season that players wearing Seminole jerseys couldn't catch anything!" Oops, we have both a niece and nephew who are FSU graduates that now will surely have us on their bad list!

Seriously, we have read oodles of comments of "if so-and-so, then you are immune to this new virus. Each of those statements was surely put out as a joke but have been swallowed hook, line and sinker by the social media crowd. The truth is that none of those theories would have created an immunity to something that just recently evolved for another virus.

Another thing we have noticed recently on social media sites is that the nonbelievers in the reality of this ongoing pandemic who didn't believe it existed at all have either changed their opinion or just decided to hide under a bush until they could come back out and say, "I told you so."

Many food establishments are pushing their "to-go" meals during this worldwide concern over the Coronavirus. All during the day Monday we were getting notices of food establishments and other retail outlets, along with churches, government and medical facilities that were offering modified service to their customers. Late Monday afternoon our taste buds lit up when a Red Lobster e-mail popped in offering FREE DELIVERY. Our love for cheese biscuits and shrimp took over our brain but alas the fine print limited the service to an area that didn't include Elba. Now we are struggling to settle down and get back to work.

The annual antique car show scheduled for Saturday on the Square in Elba is also a victim of the Coronavirus. The event has been delayed until May 9th. Promoters of this event were expecting the largest ever display of restored motor vehicles. However, we still take a moment to salute the private citizens who are promoting this very popular event in our community. It supports our very strong opinion that citizens should not sit back and wait for government to do everything for them!

Our son-in-law Tom drove to Elba Monday. Daughter Michele thinks he was proving he could still drive on the 4-lane highways, in spite of his major stroke several months ago. His doctor's visit in Birmingham last week gave him courage, even if it did include a stricter diet. Frankly we didn't even fuss at him when he drove up in front of the office. Our reason? Well, he was bringing a cooked roast, fresh pound cake, assorted vegetables, home made muffins, etc., for our consumption. Enough 'good' stuff to last two old folks a full week and maybe longer!

Politics can come out in the weirdest ways. Some folks are claiming the Coronavirus response is lacking in substance and blaming President Trump. True, some of his early comments contradicted statements by medical experts but blaming him for the pandemic – oh come on folks get a life!

Of course, there is the flip side of the political issues who are claiming that Trump's distractors are causing the whole thing. Folks, you need to get a life as well!

Let's all listen to the medical experts as they learn more about the new virus and pass on 'learned' advice on how to move forward with prevention and/or treatment of the Coronavirus 19, Chinese Coronavirus or whatever you choose to call it. It is also time for all our friends to reflect on any personal opposition to vaccinations designed to prevent infections.

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Coffee County 4-H conducts



Kayden Moseley was all smiles over her Chocolate Drop Cookies for the Coffee County 4-H Bake Off contest!



Editor's Note: This column is intended to add a bit of humor to our daily lives...Read for enjoyment.

The coronavirus is on everyone's mind right now. You cannot escape it anywhere.

Even Cuzin Lou Lou has been drawn in to trying to stay on top of the latest news regarding the circumstances of this pandemic. Admittedly, she was a bit uninterested to begin with; however, when the nation started shutting down things - sporting events to be precise - Cuzin decided there was more to this matter than she first thought!

Then... out of nowhere, the stores began running out of necessary daily items.

"What in the world of Yonder is going on!?!?!" Lou Lou exclaimed. "I cannot for the life of me understand why people need so much toilet paper for an illness that is a respiratory thing!"

Before Lou Lou knew it, the list of in demand products grew, and she found herself making a trip to the store too just to get enough groceries to get by until the hoarders calm down.

Cuzin Lou Lou decided the immediate panic over the 'unknown' of this new illness had folks taking care of #1 by buying up all they could in case EVERYONE gets sent home on quarantine for a lengthy time. While she decided that was most likely an over-reaction by many, truth was that spending more time at home and away from all the extras in life for a bit might be the best way to combat the COVID-19 [that name just seems like some James Bond stuff to Lou Lou... she chuckles every time she says it while using her best Bond accent].

Then, last Saturday, Sister, of all people, explained the toilet paper rush to Lou Lou.

You see... Sister had decided she needed to make a trip to the wonderful world of Wal-Mart to get some items she needed [not any on the high demand list, but things she needed regardless].

She called Lou Lou from the store.

"You could never imagine what I am seeing here, Lou Lou!" she insisted. "People have cleared out the medicine aisle. There is no toilet paper, nor wipes, and you get laughed at if you ask where the hand sanitizer is...it is unbelievable."

"That wasn't even why you went there...why are you looking for all that stuff?" Lou Lou asked.

"I could not help myself. I just had to see what all was gone!"

"It's that nosy nature of yours, I see," Lou Lou quipped.

"Hush! That is not true. Anyways, that is not why I called you!"

Well...
"I called to tell you that I figured out the reason why so many people are buying all the toilet paper."

Lou Lou could not wait for this one!

Sister went on to explain that the item 'sold out' that most intrigued her was that all the cooking oil was gone from the shelves over in the food section.

"Why in heaven do people need that much cooking oil?" Lou Lou questioned.

Sister had the answer!

Sister decided that people were buying the cooking oil to perform a 'self clean' of their system to prevent themselves from 'catching' the coronavirus...thus the need for an abundance of toilet paper!

All jokes aside. Please adhere to the recommendations of the health experts as we all do what is necessary to get past this pandemic. A little inconvenience now could go a long way in our future health!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Bake Off contest for students

Coffee County 4-H conducted its annual Bake Off event for students last week, and the results are in with multiple schools represented by the winners.

The first and second place winners from the event will represent Coffee County in June at the 4-H Regionals to be held at Troy University.

The Coffee County Bake Off winners were: 1st Place - Emory Kinsaul, 4th grade at Kinston Elementary; 2nd Place - Emily Grace Peeples, 4th grade at New Brockton Elementary; and 3rd Place (three-way tie) - Cailyn Sanders, 5th grader at Zion Chapel Elementary, Kayden Moseley, 4th grader at Elba Elementary, and Ava Coggins, 4th grader at Zion Chapel Elementary.

Left, Elba Elementary School fourth grader Kayden Moseley shows off her third place winning Chocolate Drop cookies while the photo below gives a closer look at the yummy goodness! Kayden is the daughter of Chris and Jennifer Moseley of Elba.



The Chocolate Drop Cookies entered into the Coffee County 4-H Bake Off contest by Kayden Moseley looked like pure yumminess!

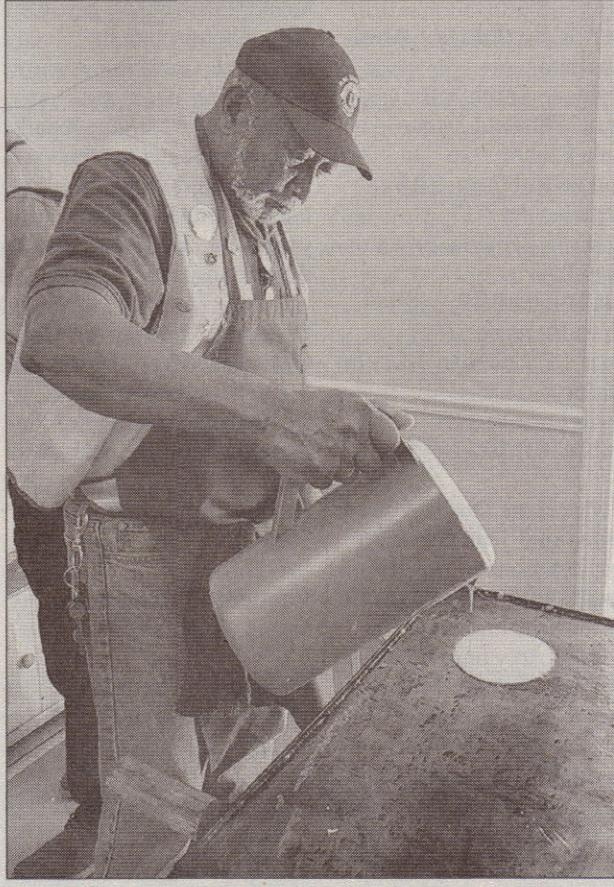
Elba Police Report

Officers responded to a prowler complaint on the Troy Hwy (10:13 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAR 14 - Officers responded to a report of suspicious circumstances on Smith Ave (1:22 a.m.); Officers responded to a traffic accident at 1573 Hwy 166 (11:54 a.m.); Officers responded to a burglary complaint at a residence on Guyton St (1:33 p.m.); Officers responded to an animal complaint on Larkin Rd (4:07 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint at the Elba Shell Station on Claxton Ave (7:20 p.m.); Officers responded to a traffic accident at 1573 Hwy 166 (11:54 a.m.); Officers responded to a burglary complaint at a residence on Guyton St (1:33 p.m.); Officers responded to an animal complaint on Larkin Rd (4:07 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint at the Elba Shell Station on Claxton Ave (7:20 p.m.); Officers responded to a traffic accident at 1573 Hwy 166 (11:54 a.m.); Officers responded to a burglary complaint at a residence on Guyton St (1:33 p.m.); Officers responded to an animal complaint on Larkin Rd (4:07 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint at the Elba Shell Station on Claxton Ave (7:20 p.m.); 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The Elba Senior Citizens Center stayed pretty full throughout the entire four hours of the Elba Lions Club Pancake Breakfast (as shown here) on Saturday, March 7th. Club members said it was a great crowd for the fund raiser!



Elba Lion Club member LC Cook pours a new batch of pancakes to feed the large crowd in attendance Saturday, March 7, for the club's annual pancake breakfast.

ALEA modifies Driver License Division operations due to COVID-19

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency is modifying its Driver License Division's statewide operations in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

ALEA's Secretary Hal Taylor said, "ALEA is dedicated to providing public safety to the state and its citizens and will continue. When Governor Ivey declared this state of emergency in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we and other state agencies were charged with determining how best to ensure continued operations without risking the health of the public or our personnel."

Because ALEA's Driver License Division touches the lives of many, operations have been modified, he said. Effective immediately, Driver License Division:

- Has suspended road testing (including CDL)
- Discourages anyone with a weakened or compromised immune system from visiting any Driver License locations
- Reminds everyone all Alabama driver licenses and non-driver IDs have a 60-day grace period following expiration date (Code of Alabama, Title 32-6-1). Customers may wait to renew
- Encourages online services for anyone who must renew or obtain a duplicate driver license/STAR ID or non-driver ID at

https://www.alabamainactive.org/dl_renewal/welcome.action. To obtain a first issuance of a STAR ID, customers must visit an ALEA Driver License office

Encourages everyone to visit www.alea.gov or to contact their local Driver License office prior to a visit to ensure the location is open. (Information may change daily, so check often). Office phone numbers are at www.alea.gov

Has begun curbside check-in and screening at ALEA's Driver License offices. Everyone is asked to follow instructions posted outside each location and wait at their vehicles to reduce potential exposure

Reminds anyone in need of driver license reinstatement services to conduct this business by phone or mail. Following is a list of Reinstatement Office phone numbers:

- Birmingham: 205.252.0426
- Dothan: 334.983.5616
- Huntsville: 256.536.2365
- Jacksonville: 256.782.1322
- Mobile: 251.660.2330, ext. 5
- Montgomery: 334.242.4400
- Opelika: 334.737.1665
- Sheffield: 256.383.9991
- Tuscaloosa: 205.553.3511

Secretary Taylor said, "We ask everyone to be pa-

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(LCIF), an international humanitarian foundation focusing on four major areas—preserving sight, supporting youth, providing disaster relief and meeting humanitarian needs.

- \$600 to Camp Seale Harris, a camp in northern Alabama for children with diabetes. Last year over 400 children attended.

- \$400 to the Southeast Leader Dog School, a school for the training of leader dogs for the blind.

- \$200 to the American Diabetes Association—an organization to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

- \$150 for the purchase of 15-20 Lions Club International Recycled For Sight collection boxes that have been placed at various locations in Elba. Usable eyeglasses collected will be sent to UAB for recycling.



Thursday, March 19 is the first day of Spring!

Enjoy some sunshine!

Coronavirus Disease 19 [COVID-19] Important Messages:

- If you are experiencing symptoms, call your primary care physician or urgent care facility first.

For the latest COVID-19 information from the Alabama Department of Public Health, call 211.



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Heath Wyrordick, Funeral Director/Embalmer

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What are Some Ways to Personalize the Funeral Procession to the Cemetery?

When a funeral moves from the site of the memorial service to the site of the burial, it's often necessary for mourners to pile into their vehicles and do a bit of traveling. This is what's known as the funeral procession, and it's an important part of traditional funeral services. In fact, there are even some customs and traditions concerning what order the vehicles go in.

You don't have to adhere to such traditions if you don't want to, of course, and even if you value the customs regarding the funeral procession, there are still some ways in which you can personalize it.

One simple option is to provide funeral attendees with some floral arrangements they can add to their vehicles—fastening them to the mirrors or the hood of the car. These can be a subtle way of distinguishing the cars in your funeral procession.

You can also consider the option of enlisting a special vehicle to lead the procession. For example, in more agrarian communities, the funeral procession is sometimes led by a horse or even a tractor. In a more metropolitan or suburban setting, a horse-drawn carriage can sometimes be employed. Fire trucks are sometimes chosen to lead the procession, and even something like a beloved fishing boat, when placed on a trailer, can be part of the lineup. And if your loved one was a bike enthusiast, motorcycle hearses are a popular option.

If geography permits, you might even direct the funeral procession on a brief, scenic detour—perhaps near a park, green area, or historic building that held some importance for the deceased.

There are a number of ways in which you can make the procession feel more personal. For some additional ideas, don't hesitate to ask your funeral director, who will be happy to help however possible.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com

BOBBY MATHEWS

Mr. Bobby Mathews, age 57 of Opp, Ala., died Sunday, March 8, 2020, at his residence.

Funeral services were held March 14, 2020 at Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba, directing.

JEANETTE T. STARLING

Mrs. Jeanette T. Starling, age 73, of Enterprise, Ala., died Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held March 10, 2020 at Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Jeanette was born on November 29, 1946 to Robert L. and Mary L. Willis-Browning in Platte City, Mo. Later in life she married Robert Starling, a soldier at Ft. Rucker, Ala., and eventually he retired and made their home in Enterprise, Ala. Jeanette also began her civil service career while being an army wife.

She was preceded in death by her parents, beloved husband Robert Starling; sisters: Ruth McDaniel, Christine Morris and Gera Idine Kelly; and brothers: Robert "Bus" Browning and Walter Greek Browning.

Survivors include her daughter: Vera Love-Matthews; son: Comac (Heather) Love (deceased); daughters: La-mentheus Love, Shamerall (Mario) Hinson, all of Montgomery, Ala.; sisters: Marilyn (Johnny) Shepard, Riverdale, Ga., Monica (Tony) Onque Hampton, Va., Jeanette (Eugene) Horstead, Opp, Linda Rolan, Newport News, Va., Denise Matthews, Opp, and Pamela Matthews, Dothan, Ala.; brother: Derek (Sandra) Matthews, Fayetteville, Ga.; five grandchildren: Kennedee Cobb, Zarria Hinson, Temarcus Moorer, McKenna Love, Julian Davis; and a host of other relatives and friends.

GEORGE LINDSEY

Mr. George Lindsey, age 58 of Opp, Ala., died Wednesday, March 4, 2020, in Andalusia, Ala.

Funeral services were held March 10, 2020 at Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church of Opp, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

NORMA VAUGHAN

Norma Vaughan, age 61, of Enterprise, Ala., recently died at Medical Center Enterprise.

George Jr. was born June 13, 1961 to Louise Lindsey and the late George Lindsey. He was a graduate of Opp High School.

George was preceded in death by his father, George Lindsey; one brother, John Lindsey; and one sister, Mary N. Shivers.

Survivors include his mother: Louise Lindsey, Opp; two brothers: Willie M. Lindsey, Opp, and Aaron Lindsey, Mobile, Alabama.

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Pastor's Corner

by Tonia Lewis, Benevolence Counselor
CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTERS INC

Have you ever been in a messy situation and someone came and intervened?

Maybe it was an uncomfortable conversation. Maybe it was a bit more serious like a toxic relationship. But either way, the person's intervention delivered you from it.

Do you remember how you felt being released from whatever the binding situation was? Free, right?

Let's look at Moses today. Moses is the Old Testament hero who delivered God's people, the Israelites, out of their captivity in Egypt. Can you only imagine how they must have felt? Forty years in bondage then released to live their lives in freedom.

Grab your needle and thread today. Moses is an amazingly heroic deliverer. This one may be hard to beat, right? What could possibly top delivering an entire people group from their forty-year captivity? Let's see our way over into the New Testament.

Are you breathing? Then you are a sinner. Is your sin greater or less than someone else's? Absolutely not. ALL sin is ugly.

We are all filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). Not only are our sins ugly, but they are also binding. Just as the Israelites were being held in bondage in Egypt, our sins bind us. They hold us captive. They keep us from living in the freedom that a clear conscience allows. We are all in desperate need of deliverance from the bondage of our sins.

Whew! That is a task that seems impossible! But God had a plan. A perfect plan.

He sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus is our new and better Moses. Yes, Moses is an amazing hero! He delivered the Israelites, God's chosen people, out of their forty-year bondage in Egypt. But Jesus came, lived a perfect life, and died a terrible death so that each of us can be delivered from our sins. When He died on that cross, He took every sin that you have committed, are committing and will commit.

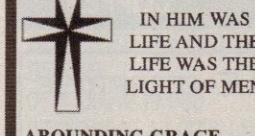
Now, our only job is to believe in Him, trust that He is who He says that He is and that He will do what He says that He will do. With that cemented into the crevices of your heart, all you have to do is ask Him to forgive you of your sin and repent. He will deliver you from the bondage that the sin had on you. That's when you get to live in freedom! Jesus is our new and better Moses! He delivers!

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



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COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

ABUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rocky Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
H. G. Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H. L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHOD-IST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHOD-IST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirlee Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH
Lowell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Meeting . . . 6:30 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Lorraine Flowers, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorraine Flowers, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH NEWS

Newbia Baptist Church plans Spring Revival services for March 22nd-24th

Newbia Baptist Church will host a Spring Revival from March 22nd – March 24th at the church, located at 3819 County Road 330, outside of Elba.

Brother Cliff Quincey, New Home Baptist Church of Enterprise, will be the guest speaker for the revival

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery meeting set for Saturday morning, March 28th

The annual Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Trust Fund meeting will be held on Saturday, March 28, at 10 a.m.

All concerned people are urged to attend. Donations to help with the maintaining

Elba native plans to speak at Coffee County NAACP banquet on April 4th

The Coffee County Branch 5017 of the NAACP will host its annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, April 4, at 6 p.m.

The banquet will be held at the Enterprise Civic Center, 2401 Neil Metcalf Road, Enterprise, Ala. Tickets are \$25 per person.

The guest speaker will be Willie Flowers, president of the NAACP Maryland State Conference.

Flowers is a native of Elba, Ala.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Eleanor Green at (334) 347-6139.

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Elba Elementary School announces Kindergarten Registration will be held next week on March 25th & March 26th

Elba Elementary School announced this week that it will conduct its 2020-2021 Kindergarten Registration on Wednesday, March 25, and Thursday, March 26, at the school.

Anyone with a child that has turned five years old or will turn five years old on or before September 1, 2020, is encouraged to bring their child to Elba Elementary School between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on March 25th or 26th. Parents will complete enrollment paperwork, and each child will be given a short screener involving basic kindergarten skills.

As a precaution, if the child is showing any signs of sickness, please do not bring him/her to registration. The school will have an additional time that the screener may be completed for them.

Each student enrolling in Elba City Schools for the first time will need the following provided by the parent/guardian at the time of registration:

1. Copy of child's birth certificate

Lifestyles
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Elba Parks and Recreation hosts Commit to Health 5K Run / Walk

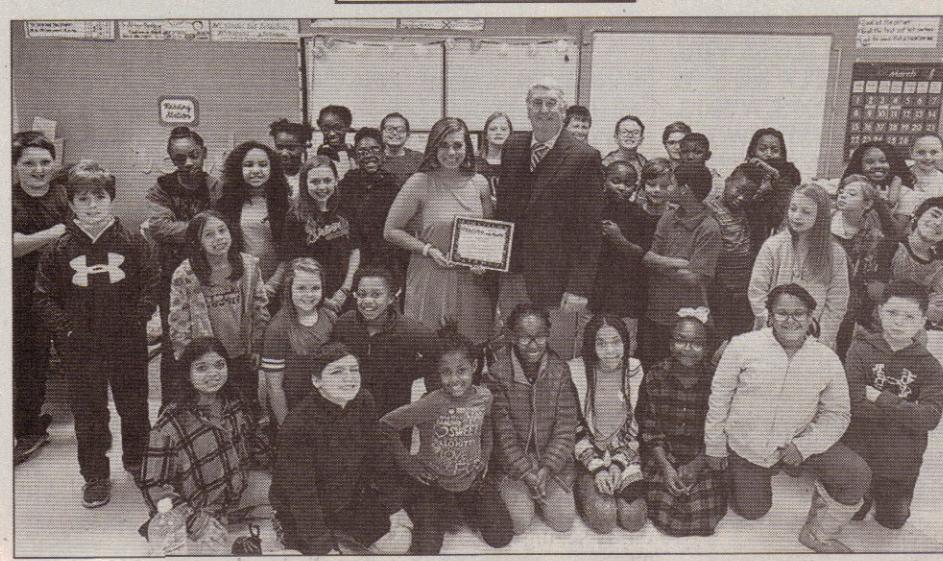
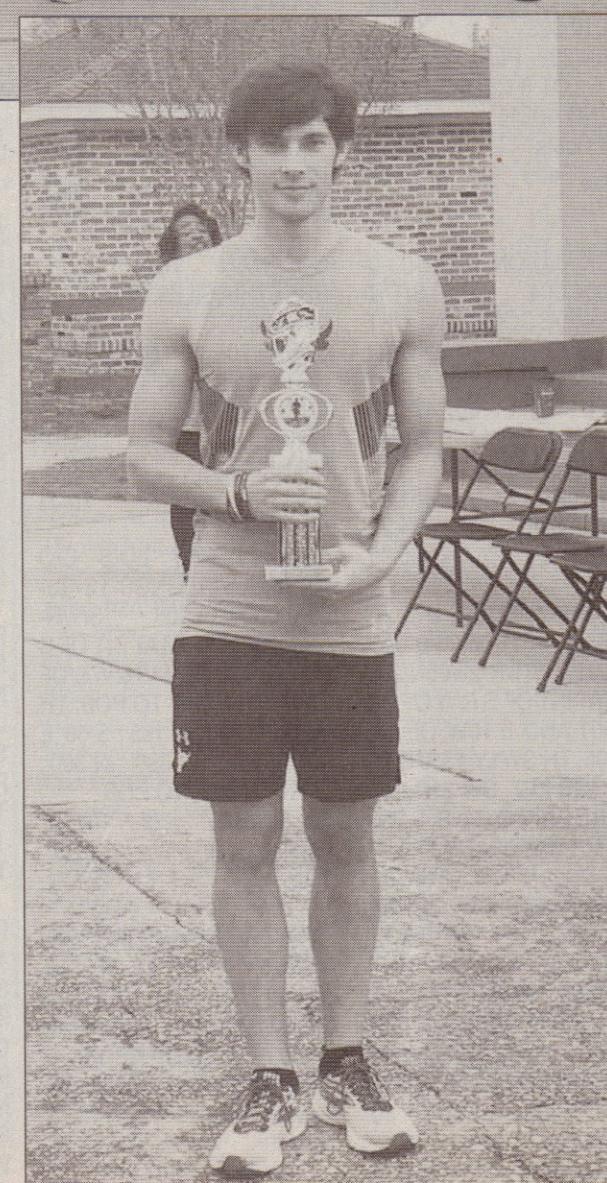
The Elba Parks and Recreation Department hosted its "Commit to Health" 5K Run/Walk last Saturday morning, March 14, in downtown Elba.

A dozen runners/walkers (shown above) participated in this early morning event, which took them on a journey through a portion of downtown and up on the levee as their course for the event. The weather was perfect for the run.

The overall winner was

Lain McCollough (shown right). He is the son of Lance and Kelly McCollough of Opp, Ala., and the grandson of Mickey McCollough of Elba.

Elba Rec's Commit to Health 5K was made possible via a grant the department received to help promote healthy living within the community. Last month, the Rec department hosted a healthy living nutrition expo on the square, which presented many ideas to participants on how to cook and eat in a more healthy manner. The Elba Rec Department hopes to host more events like this in the future.



Elba third grade teacher Kelly Wilson receives "Teacher of Month" award from Southeast Insurance and Real Estate's Ronnie Young.

Elba Elementary teacher receives 'Teacher of Month' award

The February "Teacher of the Month" award for Southeast Insurance and Real Estate in Elba recently went to Elba Elementary School third grade teacher Kelly Wilson.

Wilson is in her third year teach the third grade at EES. She taught fourth grade her first year at Elba.

Wilson has a Bachelor's

degree in elementary education from Troy University.

"I grew up in New Brockton before I moved to Opp," Wilson said. "I enjoy spending time with my family, at the beach, working out, and golfing with my husband."

Wilson is married to Cam Wilson, and they have one son, Slayton. The family also has a cat, Tinkerbell, and a dog, Ellie. They are very involved with First Baptist Church in Opp.

Above, Southeast Insurance and Real Estate's Ronnie Young is shown delivering the teacher of the month award to Kelly Wilson at Elba Elementary School. They are surrounded by her third grade students.

ESCC/AAC meeting student needs during closure due to COVID-19 outbreak

Enterprise State Community College and the Alabama Aviation College are working to ease the transition to online learning for students, faculty and staff while sports faculty are preparing for possible changes in college sports.

Following a decision from Alabama Community College System on Friday, March 13, ESCC/AAC announced campus closures to students and the move to online instruction from March 17-April 3. On Sunday, March 15, Gov. Kay Ivey authorized state employees to work remotely, prompting full closures for students and non-essential faculty and staff.

"All of our Enterprise State and Aviation College campuses will be closed from March 17-April 3," ESCC President Matt Rodgers said. "While the campuses will be closed, our employees will continue to work remotely to serve our students. Only essential staff will be on campus on an as-needed basis."

Both Colleges are committed to continue the delivery of a quality instruction to their students, even on an online platform. To help ease this transition, Canvas support is being offered to faculty and staff members at both campuses. Additionally, all students are encouraged to complete an online survey on Canvas to help ESCC/AAC identify those with technology or online education needs.

To meet the technology needs of their students

current students, faculty and staff, but also our future students."

For any questions or concerns, contact ESCC's main line at (334) 347-2623 and follow instructions to reach the appropriate department. Students at the Enterprise campus and all other campuses can also email enterpriseinfo@escc.edu with any questions. Students at the Ozark campus can email ozarkinfo@escc.edu.

In addition to education changes, the National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA) announced on March 16 that all spring sports seasons were cancelled, including practices and regular and postseason games.

ESCC/AAC faculty and staff will continue to serve all current and future students. Recruiters and financial aid staff will follow a plan of action to continue contacting prospective students while online tutors and academic support will be available for students during campus closures.

Technology and Canvas support will also be provided, and faculty and staff are prepared to monitor all communication channels to make sure all questions and concerns from our students and community are addressed.

"Our goal is to contact each student from all campuses by phone or email to let them know that we're supporting them during this time," Rodgers said. "We will also continue to provide support to not only our

students but also our faculty and staff members during this time."

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REVENUE COMMISSIONER'S SALE

I, Ronald L. Burns, Revenue Commissioner for Coffee County, by virtue of a decree rendered by the Probate Judge, Stephen E. Blair, of said county on February 25th, 2020 will proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, before the courthouse door in Elba, said county within the hours of legal sale on April 14th, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. the following described Real Estate for taxes and cost due thereon for the year 2019.

March 12, 19, 26 - 2020

W/L OF CO RD 478, T H W
2572.63', N 1302.8', E 1866', S
24.50', SE 749.61', S 95 6.35'

S/T/R-06/05N/20E LOT 9 BLK

A PART 1 BENJAMIN SUBD

IN ELBA RES

Tax & Costs 263.65

Printing Fees 20.40

Total 284.05

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TO P.O.B. BARN

Tax & Costs 176.93

Printing Fees 33.60

Total 210.53

BANNIN JAMES P & SHERRY

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S/T/R-06/05N/20E LOT 9 BLK

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BERRY LINDA 11-03-06-1-001-003.000

S/T/R-06/05N/20E PLAT 1 PG 73

BLK E LOT 8 CEDAR RIDGE

S/D 2ND ADDN

Tax & Costs 42.76

Printing Fees 21.00

Total 63.76

BLK E LOT 8 CEDAR RIDGE

S/D 2ND ADDN

Tax & Costs 351.64

Printing Fees 34.26

Total 385.90

BLACK JASON 06-02-03-0-000-004.004

S/T/R-03/06N/20E COM AT INT OF E

R/W OF AL HWY 87 AND N/L

OF SEC TH SW LY 65 0'S TO

POB TH SE LY 407.47' SW

210' NW 421.25' NE 210.45'

TO POB MH,MH S

Tax & Costs 351.64

Printing Fees 34.26

Total 385.90

BRADSHAW EDDIE D & JO

ANNE 11-06-23-0-000-003.001

S/T/R-23/05N/20E

COMAT INT OF SRW OF CO

RD 501 AND E R/W OF CO

RD 505, TH SWLY 1330'S TO

P.O.B. SE 210', SW 210', NW

210', NE 210' TO P.O.B. CONT

1 AC MH S,MH,BARN

Tax & Costs 145.56

Printing Fees 37.56

Total 183.12

BROWN MICHAEL &

BRENDA 11-03-05-3-002-006.000

S/T/R-05/05N/20E

NW ADDN TO MORROW S/D

BLK D LOT 6 LESS S 40'

ELBA RES

Tax & Costs 282.62

Printing Fees 22.99

Total 305.61

BURCH L M & MAVIS 11-03-08-004-010.000

S/T/R-08/05N/20E BEG ON S R/W

HWY 84 185' W OF ADKIN-

SON ST 274.8' SWY

ALG C RK 160'(S) SELY 170'

(S) ELY 70' (S) N 200.55' TO

POB

Tax & Costs 6651.18

Printing Fees 30.96

Total 6682.14

BURKS BETTY C/O SANDRA

BURKS 11-03-07-4-002-029.000

S/T/R-07/05N/20E A LOT IN N1/2 OF

SE1/4 S/S OF CENTER ST

DESC AS BEG AT INTER OF

S ROW OF CENTER ST & W

ROW OF JACKSON ST TH

NWLY 80' TO POB TH SWLY

100' TH NWLY 68' TH NELY

100' TH SELY 50' TO POB

RES

Tax & Costs 231.25

Printing Fees 43.50

Total 274.75

CARNELLY ANN 11-04-17-0-002-004.007

S/T/R-02/20-004 A LOT COM AT INT

OF CENTER LINE OF DR

ROBERTS DRIVE & R/W

OF CO RD 401; TH N 470' S

TO POB; TH N 210'; W 210' S

210' E 210' TO POB.

Tax & Costs 151.63

Printing Fees 33.60

Total 185.23

CARTER CHARLES RAY (LE)

RICKY RAY & KEET 02-07-26-

0-000-005.000

S/T/R-02/07N/21E

B E G

@ INTER N/L SW1/4 & E R/W

CLOWERS BDG RD; THE

596'; SWLY 700'; NWLY ALG

SD RD 490' TO POB

BARN,MH,MH S

Tax & Costs 34.02

Printing Fees 30.30

Total 64.32

CASE VERA ELAINE 11-03-08-0-004-039.000

S/T/R-08/05N/20E

A LOT

N SE1/4 OF SW1/4 DESC AS

FOL COM SW/COR W DAVIS

ST & N CORDELIA ST TH W

110' TO POB TH S 183.2' W

55' S 11.4' W 7 0.7 N 199.4' E

125' TO POB TERM,MOT

Tax & Costs 1493.89

Printing Fees 37.56

Total 1531.45

CLARK STACEY 19-04-17-0-000-001.007

S/T/R-17/03N/20E

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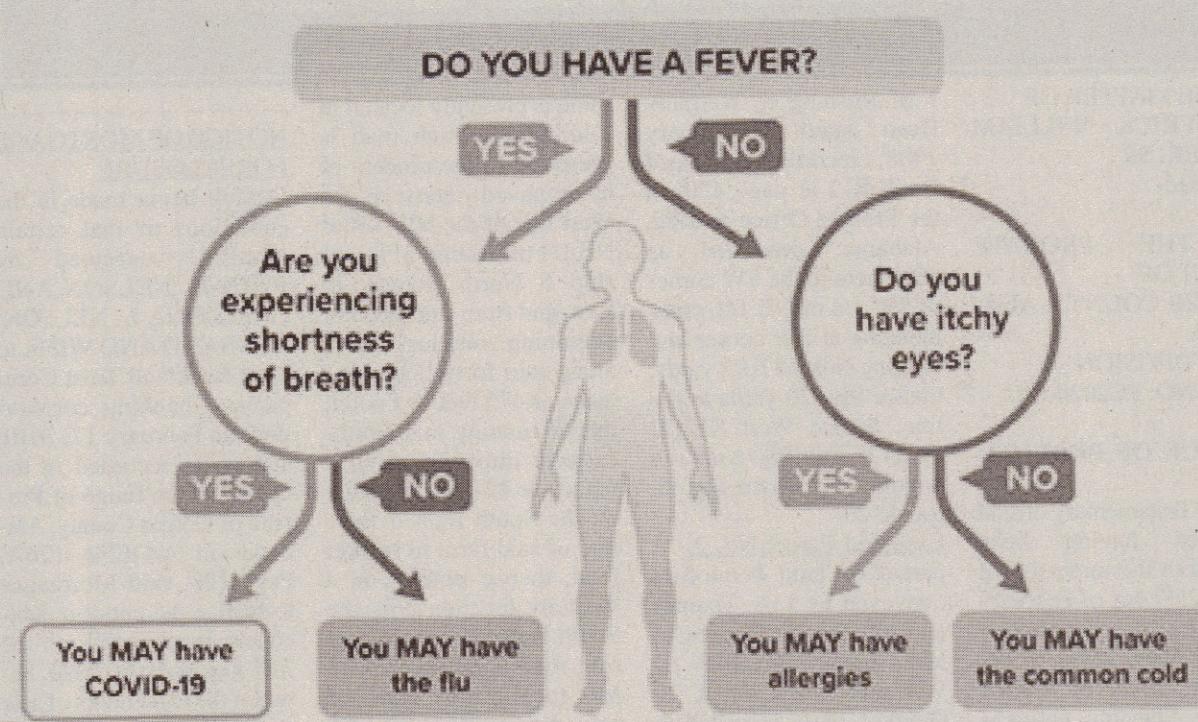
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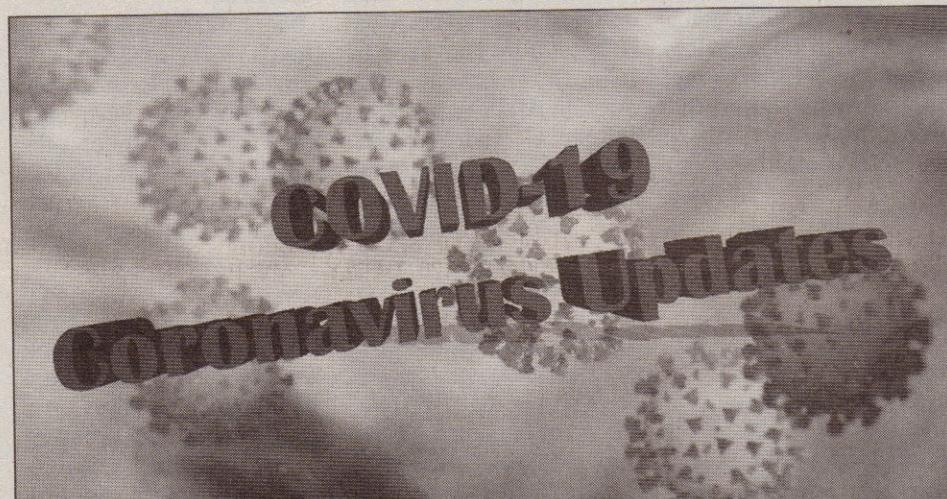
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than sorry is always the smart move," the governor said. "We should not take precautionary measures for granted, but I encourage everyone to remember the old adage 'this too shall pass.'

"These measures taken by the Alabama Department of Public Health are out of an abundance of caution in order to contain the area where the most cases of the COVID-19 are present," Governor Ivey said. "Alabamians living in Jefferson County and its surrounding counties are currently the most vulnerable to contracting the Coronavirus. I ask that Alabamians who live in these counties adhere to these regulations and would urge the rest of our state to do so as well, in order to mitigate the impact of the virus."

Ivey said ADPH is also strongly encouraging other counties across the state to adhere to these same guidelines as well, though not directly advised for them as of this.

Alabama's state health officer Dr. Scott Harris added, "We need to do whatever it takes to ensure the safety of Alabamians and stop the spread of Coronavirus. The measures that have been taken in Jefferson

"I am encouraged to see so many of our citizens voluntarily self-regulate by practicing social-distancing – choosing to be safe rather

County are an important step. We are taking similar actions in the surrounding counties and encouraging all counties throughout the state to follow suit."

To help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses including COVID-19, the public is urged to continue practicing social distancing and other precautionary measures, including:

- Wash hands with soap and water.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers if handwashing is not possible.
- Cover your mouth and

nose with a tissue, or cough or sneeze into your elbow.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when sick.
- Stay away from people who are sick.

Visit alabamapublichealth.hgtv.com/infectiousdiseases/2019-coronavirus.html for more COVID-19 information.

For the latest information daily provided to the Elba Clipper on the COVID-19 outbreak, check the website: www.elba-clipper.com and our Facebook page.

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HALL 02-03-05-0-000-005.001

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SW COR NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 &

TH E 1370' S, N 600', NWLY

100', SWLY 453.76', NWLY

346.94', NELY 435.72', NWLY

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218.99', NE 243.54', NW

187.83', W 586.28', S 1330' S

TO P.O.B. CONT 30 AC 2

MH,BARN,2 MH S

Tax & Costs 690.70

Printing Fees 44.82

Total 735.52

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S/T/R-05/07N/21E C O M

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453.72'; SE 487.32' TO POB.

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Tax & Costs 133.74

Printing Fees 34.26

Total 168.00

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Tax & Costs 665.63

Printing Fees 32.94

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION CASE NO: PC2020-010

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Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 25th day of February 2020 by the Honorable Steven Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.Witness my hand this the 25th day of February 2020.

/s/ Frederick William Rainer, Jr. and Melanie R. Bledsoe

Co-Personal Representa-tives

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson may have been the only student at the Elba Elementary School that was upset last week when it was announced the school would be closed for two and one half weeks in response to the worldwide virus that had been declared a pandemic. He really enjoys being around his fellow classmates and teachers, and wanted to know if he could still go to school and just wash his hands more often. I guess we will have to find something to do over the extended spring break to keep him busy!

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers successful 5-2 start** on the baseball diamond was no more than a pleasant memory last week after three straight losses dropped their record to 5-5. The Tigers bats didn't show up in an early week loss to Goshen, failed to produce with runners in scoring position in a close loss to Brantley, and then went quiet again in a big loss to the Bulldogs. Elba's pitching continued to be solid in all three losses, but the lack of hits and some crucial errors in the field proved to be too much to overcome. In sports, a team is considered only as good as its last game, but we'll keep the hope here that the Tigers will rebound and recapture their early-season success on their way to the playoffs.

*** **The Elba Lady Tigers captured a much-needed win** last week after an 0-5 start as they pounded Zion Chapel 15-4. The Lady Tigers beat the ball all over the ballpark up at Zion Chapel in the lopsided win, and were led by Mikkeny Hooks at the plate with three doubles and a home run, and inside the circle by seventh-grader Ayrika Caldwell, who went the distance. The win should pump some life into the Lady Tigers as they head into area play this week.

*** **It was an interesting week** of baseball and softball action with plenty of games played by all area teams. In baseball, Brantley dropped an early-week game to Geneva, but bounced back with some big wins and is no doubt a state title contender, while Kinston clobbered Daleville, again, and may be a lot better than many fans realize; Zion Chapel continued to improve and is now a solid 2A team; and, New Brockton enjoyed a little time off. On the softball field, Brantley ran its winning streak to 12 games before running into a wall at a tournament in Dothan and suffering three losses, while New Brockton grabbed a key area win, Kinston kept on improving and Zion Chapel continued its early-season struggles. It will be interesting to see just how the long break affects the area teams, and how they will bounce back if, and when, the season continues.

*** **I am a firm believer** that much of the panic over the coronavirus reached a peak after the NBA suspended its season and the NCAA shut down its basketball tournament and then canned all spring sports. I know the virus is a deadly illness and must be contained, but this is a nation of sports fanatics and when the seasons were halted it got even more attention from those that probably hadn't paid much attention. While I have my doubts about the virus and its source, I do agree with Connecticut women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma. The highly successful college coach stated, "Sports is what separates people from worrying about color, religion and race. Sports is the one thing that makes people come together and rally around my team versus your team. People treat winning and losing like its life and death. Maybe in some philosophical way that is a reminder that it's a game, man."

Tigers caged by Goshen 6-1

The Elba Tigers hosted the Goshen Eagles last week in an afternoon matinee and managed only one hit in a 6-1 loss.

Goshen wasted little time taking command in the non-area game as the Eagles combined a bunt single, a walk and a three-run homer in the top of the first inning to jump out to an early 3-0 lead.

Goshen took advantage of a base hit and an Elba error to up its lead to 4-0 in the third, while the Tigers had their best offensive inning of the day in the bottom of the frame as Peyton McCart and John Martin Wilson both drew walks and advanced to second and third with two outs. A grounder to

the pitcher turned into an out three; however, as Elba failed to get on the scoreboard.

Goshen added a lone run in both the fifth and seventh innings to increase its lead to 6-0, and while Elba did finally get on the scoreboard in the bottom of the seventh, it was way too little, way too late to catch the Eagles.

Paxton Wise drew a walk to open the Tigers half of the seventh, stole second, and raced home on an RBI single by Isaac Watkins to close the book on the 6-1 loss at home.

Isaac Watkins had the only hit for Elba and added one RBI, while Paxton Wise scored the lone Tiger run.

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Area record slips to 2-2

Tigers swept by Brantley 6-2, 11-0

The Elba Tigers saw their area record slip to 2-2 last week after dropping a doubleheader to the Brantley Bulldogs 6-2 and 11-0.

Following is a recap of both games:

Brantley 6 Elba 2

The Elba Tigers jumped out to an early 2-1 lead, but failed to reach the plate again over the game's final five innings as the Brantley Bulldogs rallied to claim a 6-2 area win, in the first game of a doubleheader, in Brantley.

Brantley took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Lucas Richardson reached on a lead off walk and later came around the score on a fielder's choice, but Elba bounced right back in the top of the second and plated two runs to grab a 2-1 advantage.

A leadoff double by Connor Burrow and an RBI single by Paxton Wise pulled the Tigers even at 1-1, while Wise came around to score when Carson Wise followed with an RBI double to put Elba on top 2-1.

Brantley pushed across an unearned run in the bottom of the third to pull even at 2-2, then combined two hits with two Elba errors in the fourth to take a 2-1 lead.

The Tigers stranded runners on third base in the third, fifth and seventh innings, while Brantley pushed across an insurance run in the sixth to seal the deal on the 6-2 area win.

Connor Burrow had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Paxton Wise added 1 hit and

Lady Tigers zap Zion 15-4

The Elba Lady Tigers put an end to their early-season losing streak last week with a dominating 15-4 romp over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels.

Elba went down in order in the top of the first and then watched as Zion Chapel plated two runs in the bottom of the frame to grab an early 2-0 lead. However, the Lady Tigers broke loose in the top of the second and plated seven runs to grab a big 7-2 advantage.

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Brantley Bulldog Lucas Richardson (2) rounds third base and heads home. Richardson had 5 hits, scored 3 runs and collected 4 runs batted in in last week's 14-13 win over Montgomery Academy.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)

Spotlight on the OUTDOORS



BEN RAYBORN caught this 7-pound bass and 14 shell-cracker on Friday, March 13, while fishing at the Coffee County Lake. He was using red worms for bait.



SHERMAN WILKERSON shows off two of the six shell-cracker he caught last Thursday, March 12, while fishing at the Coffee County Lake. The six fish weighed in at a total of eight pounds.

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BASEBALL:

Brantley clobbers Red Level 14-1

The Brantley Bulldogs pulled ahead early and pulled away late to defeat the Red Level Tigers 14-1. Lucas Richardson had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Tucker Kilcrease added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's; Jack Kennedy added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; and Bryce Dunn and Luke Kilcrease both added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Jack Kennedy, Dillon Smith and Ethan Weed combined to toss a no-hitter with nine strikeouts.

Brantley stunned by Wicksburg 7-3

The Brantley Bulldogs fell behind early and never caught up in a 7-3 loss to the Wicksburg Panthers. Tucker Kilcrease had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Samuel Tompkins added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Bryce Dunn added 1 hit and had 1 rbi.

Brantley Bulldogs dump Geneva 8-4

The Brantley Bulldogs scored four runs in their final at-bat to claim an exciting 8-4 win over the Geneva Panthers, in nine innings. Samuel Tompkins had 2 hits, both doubles, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Dalton Daniels added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Jack Kennedy added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Tucker Kilcrease was the winning pitcher, in relief, as he pitched four innings, allowed only one hit and struck out four.

Kinston Bulldogs rip Daleville 21-4

The Kinston Bulldogs jumped ahead 10-0 in the opening inning and rolled to a lopsided 21-4 win over the Daleville Warhawks. Owen Patterson had 3 hits, scored 4 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Jeb Crosby added 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; Colby Copeland added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; Cale Sumblin added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Matt Hughes added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Tripp Hawthorne added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Blayne Moore was the winning pitcher in relief as he tossed two innings and struck out three.

Zion Chapel falls to Squadron 11-10

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw an early lead evaporate in a wild 11-10 loss to the Highland Home Flying Squadron. Paden Boothe had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Austin Johns added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Nate Braisted added 2 hits.

Brantley edges Montgomery Ac. 14-13

The Brantley Bulldogs erased an early 5-1 deficit and scored two runs in their final trip to the plate in a wild 14-13 win over the Montgomery Academy Eagles. Lucas Richardson had 5 hits, scored 3 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Tucker Kilcrease added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Jack Kennedy added 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Bryce Dunn added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's.

Zion Chapel edged by Luverne 9-8

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw an 8-4 eighth inning lead vanish in a 9-8 loss to the Luverne Tigers. Nate Braisted had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Paden Boothe added 2 hits and 1 rbi, and Austin Johns added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's.

Rebels sweep McKenzie 8-0, 12-2

The Zion Chapel Rebels swept past the McKenzie Tigers as they claimed a doubleheader sweep by the scores of 8-0 and 12-2.

In the opener, Brayden Watson had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Nate Braisted added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and Paden Boothe and Stetson Adcock both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Paden Boothe was the winning pitcher as he tossed a three-hitter with nine strikeouts.

In game two, the Rebels pulled ahead early and pulled away late to complete the sweep of the Tigers. Nate Braisted, Brockston Bragg and Ben Hutchinson all had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Bryce Watson added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Brayden Watson added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Bryson Bivins was the winning pitcher as he tossed five and two-thirds innings and allowed one earned run on four hits, with seven strikeouts.

Zion Chapel falls to Luverne 8-2

The Zion Chapel Rebels never led in a hard fought 8-2 loss to the Luverne Tigers. Brockston Bragg had 2 hits to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Nate Braisted and Austin Johns both added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Coleman Bragg and Stetson Adcock both scored 1 run.

SOFTBALL:

Brantley rolls over Andalusia 11-0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and

coasted in with an impressive 11-0 win over Andalusia. Kayden Dunn had 3 hits, including 3 home-runs, scored 3 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Ainsley Watts added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Emory Bush added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Lauren Hudson added 2 hits and had 2 rbi's; and, Star Edwards added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Lauren Hudson was the winning pitcher as she tossed six innings and struck out seven.

Brantley sweeps Flora 15-0, 15-0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs made quick work of the Flora Lady Wildcats last week as they swept an area double-header by identical scores of 15-0.

In the opener, the Lady Bulldogs scored 15 runs in the top of the first to post a three-inning win. Kaylee Navarre had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Sheonte Barginere added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Emory Bush added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Ainsley Watts added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Lindsey Wells added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and added 1 rbi. Lauren Hudson pitched a three-inning perfect game with eight strikeouts to get the win inside the circle.

In game two, the Lady Bulldogs scored 10 runs in the first inning and coasted to the big win. Kayden Dunn had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Sheonte Barginere added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Kaylee Navarre and Ainsley Watts both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Lauren Hudson and Star Edwards both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. Lauren Hudson was the winning pitcher in relief as she tossed two innings and allowed two hits, while striking out three.

New Brockton slips past Samson 5-3

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks posted a key area win with a 5-3 victory over the Samson Lady Tigers. Shelby Hobbs had 3 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Gamecocks at the plate, while Mary Beth Smith added 2 hits, including a home run, and Mckenlie Jenkins got the win inside the circle with seven strikeouts in six innings.

Brantley struggles at Dothan tourney

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs competed at a softball tournament in Dothan last weekend and struggled for the first time this season as they dropped three of four games in the 12-team event.

The Lady Bulldogs rallied from an early 3-1 deficit to take the lead, but failed to hold on in an opening round 5-4, eight-inning loss to Rehobeth. Kayden Dunn and Anna Kimbro both had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley at the plate, while Lauren Hudson threw 114 pitches over seven and one-third innings and allowed two earned runs on five hits, with five strikeouts.

The Lady Bulldogs managed only two hits and committed four errors in a surprising 8-0 loss to Opp, in game two action. Ainsley Watts and Kayden Dunn had the only Brantley hits in the shutout loss.

The Lady Bulldogs avoided a 'three and out' with an exciting 9-6 win over Providence Christian. Kayden Dunn had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley at the plate, while Lauren Hudson added 2 hits and had 2 rbi's, Star Edwards added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's, and Anna Kimbro added 2 hits. Lauren Hudson was the winning pitcher as she tossed four innings and allowed only two earned runs.

The Lady Bulldogs were eliminated with a 15-0 loss to undefeated 7A power Spain Park. Emory Bush had the lone Brantley hit in the three-inning loss.

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